

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Chief of Police Merl Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:01.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Culpepper Cooper re: property casualty insurance.

Culpepper Cooper, addressed the board regarding the reserve fund with Travelers Saint Paul. He stated that they are not going to raise the rates on the property casualty so we will not be bidding this out this year. However, the company that has the umbrella policy would not do the same so they are asking for bids for the umbrella policy.

Item #2 - John Cunningham, Cunningham Builders, re: dumpster permit

Mr. Cunningham was not present.

Item #3 - Al Goodman re: street signs for Loop Island Wetlands

Mr. Goodman addressed the board on behalf of the Loop Island Wetlands regarding signs showing directions and they would like to have six put up to direct visitors to the wetlands. He presented a list of locations for the signs which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Hunter asked Officer Lewis if he would go out and spot where he believes the signs should be placed so as not to obstruct the traffic signs.

Item #3 - Jack Messer re: Downtown Parking

Mr. Messer addressed the board and stated that he has been asked to draw up an ordinance for downtown parking, but felt it would be faster if the Board of Works would approve their plan. He reported that they would like to make the area between Main Street to E. Third street, E. Third Street to Spring Street, Spring Street to Pearl Street and back to Main Street three hour parking instead of two, they would also like to make the municipal parking lot and the lot between Schmidt Furniture and Classic Furniture free parking for employees, and they would like to develop a permit parking program for the residents in the downtown area.

Mr. Toran asked for a written plan for the board to study.

Mr. Messer asked if they would like a plan along with signatures from people to make it work.

Item #4 - Andy Spellman re: permit to sell fireworks

Mr. Spellman requested authorization for a permit to put up a tent to sell fireworks in Matt Chalfant's shopping center on State Street he showed the board the permit that he received from the State Fire Marshall's office. He said that it would be open on June 16 and will run through

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Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #5 - Joddie Johnson re: sign at Schell and Daisy Lane indicating that center lane is a turn lane only.

Mr. Toran stated that they needed to put turn arrows for the middle lane further down the hill.

Mr. Johnson stated that they now have four turn arrows going up the hill.

Chief Harl stated that they really wanted to have a sign put over the street.

There was a lengthy discussion as to what could be done to get the attention of the drivers.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Johnson to get an estimate on the cost of putting a sign over the street.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Mason made a request to promote Firefighter Greg Wenning Engine 6 B-Crew to Acting Sergeant Engine 1 B-Crew.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Officer Lewis requested for Ann Forman to have a “Deaf Child” sign placed at each end of the alley of the 2300 block of Charlestown Road.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted

Ms. Wisman requested that the Farmer’s Market sign be put up at the Spring Street location from June 19 – 26 and at the Main Street location from June 26 through July 17; and that the 4-H Fair banner be hung at the Spring Street location from June 26 through July 17.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the banners, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Dwayne from Strobeck construction, addressed the board regarding a manhole cover for the street light functions. He stated that they are putting an entrance for the new Walgreens on State Street in and the manhole is located in this area and he didn’t know who he needed to talk to about it.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Johnson to go out and look into this.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved that the May 30th and the 23rd be approved, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor except for Mr. Denison who abstained.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Anthony B. Toran, President
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Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana

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